3. Circular Railway around Lucknow area
4. Bhubancshwar-Kottavalasa
5. Bokarao Steel City-Muri-Hatia Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu/ Barsuan incl. Purulia-Kotshila
6. Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar including Talcher-Paradeep

Double-Lining of Guntakal-Hospet Rail Line

2847. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Railway Infrastructure Development Limited has requested Government to approve doubling of the Guntakal Hospet rail line;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the above project; and

(c) whether Government have approved the above work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Guntakal -Hospet doubling project is a sanctioned project. The latest estimated cost of the project as per the Budget papers for the year 2001-02 is Rs. 154.10 crores. Necessary approvals have already been obtained for the execution of this project. It is one of the four projects identified for execution through Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), the proposed Joint Venture between Ministry of Railways and the Government of Karnataka.

New Delhi-Guwahati Fast Train

2848. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce any new fast train from New Delhi to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to operational and Resource constraints.

Conversion of MG lines

2849. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the metre gauge rail lines in different parts of the country which have been converted into broad gauge during the last three years, till-date; and

(b) the details of amount spent so far on each proejct in the country during this period, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A statement is enclosed *(See* below).

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.
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Statement

Details of more gauge rail lines converted into broad gauge in the country during last 3 years till date are as under:

Sl. No.	Section
1.	Narkatiaganj-Gorakhpur
2.	Tambaram-Trichy
3.	Trichy-Dindigul
4.	Sholapur-Hotgi
5.	Mariani-Jorhat and Shivsagar-Moranhat
6.	Indira-Phephana
7.	Kashipur-Lalkuan
8.	Arakkonam-Chengalpattu
9.	Yellahanka-Yeshwantpur
10.	Morbi-Maliya Miyana and Danhisara-Navlakhi
11.	Gandhidham-Bhuj
12.	Raxaul-Birganj
13.	Laxmanteertha bridge